STATE CANDIDATES AND PRIMARILY FORMED COMMITTEES FOR STATE CANDIDATES

2005 Filing Schedule Q&A

Q: When must a non-incumbent running for state office in June 2006 file the Form 470, Campaign Statement-Short Form, if the candidate does not intend to raise or spend \$1,000 or more in 2005?

A: If any contributions are received or any expenditures are made between January 1 and June 30, 2005, file the Form 470 no later than August 1, 2005. (July 31, 2005, the actual filing deadline, falls on Sunday.) Because the Form 470 covers the entire calendar year, no additional campaign disclosure filings are required for 2005 as long as total contributions and total expenditures are less than \$1,000 for the entire year. If no contributions are received and no expenditures are made prior to July 1, 2005, file the Form 470 no later than January 31, 2006, if contributions are received or expenditures are made (still totaling less than \$1,000 during the calendar year) between July 1 and December 31, 2005.

Q: If the same candidate also does not intend to raise or spend \$1,000 or more in 2006, when must the Form 470 be filed?

A: The Form 470 (covering 2006) may be filed with the declaration of candidacy, but must be filed no later than the deadline for the first preelection statement due in connection with the election (March 22, 2006).

Q: Must a non-controlled committee primarily formed to support or oppose a state candidate file the Form 465, Supplemental Independent Expenditure Report, if an independent expenditure supports or opposes more than one candidate?

A: Yes, but only if \$1,000 or more was spent to support or oppose each candidate in the communication. A separate Form 465 must be filed for each candidate supported or opposed.